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Serving the Parishes of

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TADLEY AND BURGHFIELD COMMON



**St Michael's Parish, Tadley,  
Kingsclere,  
and St Oswald's Church,  
Burghfield Common**

**St Michael's Church**

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**Parish Office hours:**

**9:30am-2:30pm Tuesday to Friday**

### Covenant to the People

If you would like help from the Covenant to the People scheme, please call Gerry Penfold on 0118 9811247 during January.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament is celebrated on request at the present time in the Parish Room at Tadley. Please book with Father Patrick by telephone.

## NEWSLETTER

### SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16th January 2022

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### Tadley, Kingsclere and Burghfield Common Masses

6:00 pm	Saturday Vigil Mass	Tadley
9:00 am	Sunday Parish Mass	Tadley
11:00 am	Votive Mass for Peace	Burghfield Common

#### **Weekday Mass:**

12 noon	Wed 19	Feria	Tadley
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Advance booking is not required for weekend Masses but please telephone or email to advise if attending so Father Patrick can ensure we keep within acceptable numbers.

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### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

**Entrance Antiphon:** All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

**Responsorial Psalm:** Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Through the Good News God called us to share the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** We have come to know and to believe in the love that God has for us.

#### Next Sunday's Readings (Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Nehemiah 8:2-6 8-10 Corinthians 12:12-30 Luke 1:1-4 4:14-21

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### Mass Attendance on 8th/9th January

Tadley 6:00pm: 25 Tadley 9:00am: 31

Burghfield Common 11:00am: 26

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### Obligatory Collection for the Cathedral in Portsmouth

Next weekend, 22nd/23rd January, we take the annual second collection in support of our Cathedral in Portsmouth. Appeal envelopes should be available at all Masses for those who do not have gift aided planned giving envelopes for second collections. This collection is the only support our Cathedral receives from the wider Diocesan family.

In response to some of the precautions taken in the previous lockdowns, a 'Give as you Live' page was also created at: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/cathedral-annual-appeal-1>

Understandably, we all are aware that these are difficult times for us all, but please give generously to support our cathedral, gift aiding your donation wherever possible.

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## WORLD PEACE DAY: A DIALOGUE BETWEEN GENERATIONS

In Let Us Dream, Pope Francis raises an area which I believe has been sadly overlooked in pastoral considerations in recent years, and which he discusses as part of his World Peace Day message for 2022. This Sunday is Peace Sunday in England and Wales, and I shall celebrate the Votive Mass for Peace allowed this weekend at Saint Oswald's Church and preach at all our Parish Masses on the Pope's message.

We often forget that peace is more than about stopping wars, and I suggest that parishioners read Chapter 5 in Gaudium et Spes, the 1965 Vatican Council document on The Church in the Modern World, about this area. It has stood the test of time and is worth returning to.

Pope Francis highlights three areas in his message, with the shadow of Covid clearly central to his thoughts. These are intergenerational dialogue, education and work, all central to the building of justice, without which there is no true peace, and solidarity, where communities work together, which are the foundation of a peaceful world or a particular society.

The question of intergenerational dialogue should involve all, resulting in a dialogue between generations as peace builders. He states that in a world still gripped by the pandemic that has created untold problems, dialogue which is honest, with a positive exchange of views, involving trust, must develop between young and old:

"The loneliness of the elderly is matched in the young by a sense of helplessness and a lack of shared vision about the future ... young people need the wisdom and experience of the elderly, while those who are older need the support, affection, creativity and dynamism of the young". To Francis, this involves a dialogue between the keepers of memory (the elderly) and those who move history forward (the young). How often have we heard about the importance of the young as the future of our Church or of our world, yet little of the importance of the elderly alongside them in that task! It is good to hear the imbalance being redressed!

"Each must be willing to make room for others and not to insist on monopolising the entire scene by pursuing their own immediate interests, as if there were no past or future".

The global crisis demands that this encounter and dialogue of young and old should be the driving force behind a "healthy politics, that is not content to manage the present with piecemeal solutions or quick fixes, but views itself as an outstanding form of love for others in the search for shared and sustainable projects for the future".

In doing so, "we can be firmly rooted in the present, and from here, revisit the past and look to the future. To revisit the past in order to nourish our enthusiasm, cause dreams to emerge, awaken prophecies and enable hope to blossom. Together we can learn from one another".

I suggest that therein is a framework for essential dialogue, especially within our Diocese in respect of the next ten years. At our recent Southampton Conference, supported by fellow clergy of our North-West Hampshire area, I was the only priest to raise this essential

need for balance between the young and the elderly as part of our Pope's post-covid future. During our discussions there was, quite rightly, consideration about the importance of youth for the future of our Diocese, of the importance of families and of formational programmes, but, to the best of my knowledge, no consideration about the place of the elderly in all of this as an essential part of our Catholic community - excepting the need to engage our retired clergy as part of the process.

"Your sons and daughters shall prophesy,  
your old men shall dream dreams,  
and your young men shall see visions".  
(The Prophet Joel, 2v28)

Father Patrick

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## FIRST COMMUNION ENROLMENT

### (Advance Notice)

After careful consideration of the continuing spread of the virus and consultation with our First Communion Parish Team and the parents of the children involved, Father Patrick has moved the First Communion Enrolment Mass from Sunday 16th January to Sunday 30th January. It will be the only Sunday morning Mass in the parish that Sunday, will be celebrated at 10:00am in Saint Michael's Church, and preference will be given to those involved in the forthcoming Preparation. This starts on Monday 31st January at 6:00pm, probably in Saint Michael's Church for greater safety if the present variant continues to spread.

The Saturday evening Vigil Mass will be celebrated on 29th January in Saint Michael's Church at 6:00pm but there will be no 11:00am Mass at Saint Oswald's Church that Sunday, 30th January.

The later start will enable more time for the two Saint Oswald Church families to travel to Tadley and adequate time for all involved to be in place and to celebrate without rush with extra liturgical music. This is an important event for the families involved and parishioners will understand that the beginning of the Preparation should take place with dignity, enabling Father Patrick to celebrate it without rush and to engage purposefully himself. He apologises for an inconvenience caused, but this advance notice will give parishioners the opportunity to make alternative arrangements as necessary.

At least ten of the eleven benches in St Michael's Church will be in use for those involved, including musicians, leaving possibly one bench and a number of single seats for others wishing to attend. Father Patrick will update parishioners on how these will be allocated, and no bookings are being taken for this Mass at the present time. Please keep the youngsters and their parents in your prayers.

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## MISSIO BOX COLLECTION

Saint Michael's Church raised £657.58 last year for Missio through the Red Boxes, in addition to the direct debits from the Parish. If anyone would like a red box or more information they can contact Gina Poulter on 01256 541052 or go to the Missio website <https://missio.org.uk/donate/>

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## TIME OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

This begins on Tuesday 18th January, ending on The Feast of The Conversion of Saint Paul on Tuesday 25th January. In the Diocesan e-News, Bishop Philip has highlighted the importance of this time and of the need for all Catholics to recognise that commitment to working with other Christian traditions as far as possible is an essential part of our Catholic Faith.

Our Saint Michael's community is still in need of a person prepared to work alongside Mary Lee in our Churches Together Around Tadley (CTAT) structure, so this time of prayer affords the opportunity to ask the Lord if He is calling you to consider being our second representative.

As our Diocese begins to look towards the next ten years, part of this process, as agreed at our recent Southampton Conference, is to work alongside our fellow Christians witnessing to Christ as resources are stretched and fewer clergy are available. The time of prayer is also a good opportunity to address this area, to ask: "Am I prepared to recognise all the Baptised as brothers and sisters in Christ, and come to know them better, learn from them and enable them to recognise our gifts as Catholic Christians?".

Father Patrick will celebrate the Votive Mass for Christian Unity in Saint Michael's Church on Sunday 23rd January at 9:00am, and our CTAT Christian Unity Service is on that Sunday at 3:00pm at Saint Mary's Church. Make a note in your diary now, please.

The CTAT AGM took place on Thursday 13th January via Zoom. Our thanks to Mary Lee for being virtually present, enabling our community to vote for a number of important issues. It was also good to have the contributions of Peter Hughes of our Silchester community. The meeting itself lasted almost two hours, during which others who were present from our various church communities also contributed significantly. The only body not represented at the AGM was The Salvation Army, but the Rev Richard Harlow will be updating its members on relevant issues.

Father Patrick agreed at the meeting to be Joint Moderator of CTAT with the Reverend Richard Harlow from 13th January until the next AGM. At present, there are no ministers in our local United Reformed Church and Community Church, and the Reverend Ruth Midcalf of our Methodist Church will be going on a sabbatical for three months, starting in February. Both those communities with no resident ministers are now represented and organised by lay members, and it would be good to have a second Catholic representative to assist Father Patrick in the coming months if he is unable to attend all the meetings. There will also be no resident Methodist Minister whilst the Reverend Ruth is on sabbatical. Our prayers that she has a good time of spiritual and bodily refreshment.



### CTAT Unity Service 23rd January at 3:00pm

We look forward to welcoming people to this service to be held at St Mary's Church, North Tadley.

The service will also be live-streamed on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/St.Marys.Tadley> or YouTube via St. Mary's website: <https://st-marys-church-tadley.org.uk/youtube-page/>

## CTAT MESSY CHURCH IN OUR AREA FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Are you interested in reshaping our work with children and young people? Did you previously help with CTAT Messy Church? Rev'd Steve and Rev'd Ruth are looking to relaunch a CTAT event for children, young people and families once a month in North Tadley. The format is up for discussion. Can you help? Are you interested in finding out more? There will be a meeting at 7.30pm on 20th Jan via Zoom. Please do join us.

Contact Rev'd Steve [revstevemckay@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:revstevemckay@yahoo.co.uk) or Rev'd Ruth [ruth.midcalf@methodist.org.uk](mailto:ruth.midcalf@methodist.org.uk)

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## RETRouvaille - LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGE

Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples, bringing a positive focus, new hope and help to nourish and grow your marriage ....and you don't need to leave home, it comes to you! There is no group therapy or group work and complete confidentiality is assured.

For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for the next programme, a Virtual weekend commencing 3rd - 6th March 2022. Call or text +44 788 729 6983. Email: [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.org](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.org) or visit [www.retrouvaille.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.uk)

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## ADoRE ONLINE SPIRITUAL MINI-RETREAT

ADoRE Online spiritual mini-retreat morning will be taking place on 22nd January 10.00-13.00 with Mass, Adoration, Reflection, Praise, Talk, Prayer and Discussion. The theme is "Our Father in Heaven" - knowing who we are as children of our loving Abba. The special guest speaker is Charles Whitehead KSG, acclaimed international renewal author and speaker, appointed by Pope Saint John Paul II to run the International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Office in Rome. <https://www.altonrenewal.com/2022>

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## COVID PASSPORTS FOR CHURCH?

Whilst the Novak Djokovic vaccine dispute causes worldwide debate and political turmoil in Australia, it is worth noting that our Christian churches are now addressing the question of vaccine passports.

As Christmas approached, some of our large cathedrals in England and Wales had to choose between reducing numbers allowed to attend carol concerts or accept that if 500 or more gathered vaccine passports would be required to slow the spread of the new covid variant.

So far as the Church in Europe is concerned, since Christmas a law has been in force in Luxembourg which allows only those who have been vaccinated to participate in liturgies, with the exception of a celebration with fewer than twenty people present.

The Tablet magazine reported on 8th January that the Cardinal heading the commission representing the European Union's Catholic Bishops supported the law and stated that the objections of some priests were not helping.

Commenting on calls in Italy that proof of full vaccination be made a requirement for access to church services, Cardinal Jean-Claude Hollerich stated:

"During this phase when the pandemic is resurgent, we must save lives—and this green pass should welcome people to Mass".

The covid era is certainly raising challenging ethical and moral issues for both clergy and politicians!

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## DON'T FORGET!

Helen Warner reminds us all that the old £20 and £50 bank notes will cease to be valid legal currency as of September 2022. So please check your "savings under the bed, etc." and use up any such notes as soon as possible.

Please do not put any old notes in the Collection if you can avoid it as the 'bank' will no longer accept them as of September. Thank you Helen!

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## PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Canon John Cooke will be leading a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 6th - 17th March 2022, travelling with McCabe Pilgrimages.

This postponed 2021 Pilgrimage is now set to travel this Spring, albeit with some of the 'normal' COVID travel restrictions. Due to the postponement, and for various reasons, some pilgrims are now unable to join the group so there are a few last minute spaces available. It will be a 12 Day, 3 centred experience through the Holy Land; residing in the Negev (Kibbutz), Jerusalem (by the Old City Walls) & finishing by the Sea of Galilee (with a sea view) It is a fully guided trip (with individual headsets), and all your entrance fees, transfers, meals & tips are included. If you'd like a brochure or more information please contact Canon John:

[jcooke@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:jcooke@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

A Pre-Pilgrimage Social & Information Session will take place on Saturday 15th January at 11am in the Sacred Heart Hall, Fareham, PO16 ONF.

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## PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

The Diocese has asked us to let you know that "Knock Pilgrimages" is organising a four night Pilgrimage especially for parishioners of the Portsmouth Diocese. The pilgrimage to Knock will begin on Monday 14th March 2022. Please contact Patricia Ronane for more information at [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com)

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## PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Bishop Philip writes, "Our Diocese of Portsmouth Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 18th to 22nd July 2022. I am now very pleased to be able to invite you once again to join me and many others from across the Diocese on this pilgrimage. We will be leaving from Bournemouth airport. Once in Lourdes we will stay at the Hotel La Solitude, celebrate Mass daily, and take part in all that Lourdes has to offer. If you would like to know more about joining me either as a pilgrim or as a youth pilgrim, serving our pilgrims and helping to make our pilgrimage a success". Please email: [lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

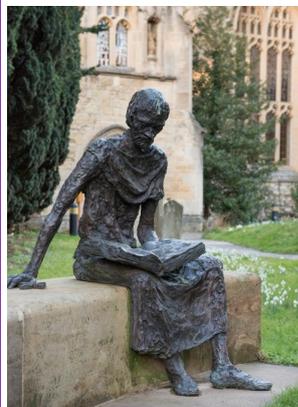
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## A REFLECTION ON THE EUCHARIST

Our Diocese of Portsmouth is celebrating a Year of The Eucharist, inviting us to enter more deeply into the abiding Presence of our Saviour in the Sacrament of the Altar. In our Parish we are about to enter into our First Communion Preparation. It can be forgotten that Saint Edmund of Abingdon, alongside Our Lady Conceived Without Sin, is Patron of our Diocese, and was noted as one whose profession of faith in the Eucharist as he was dying is remarkable.

Edmund (1170-1240), born in Abingdon, was educated in the universities of Oxford and Paris, but his recognised intellectual ability was infused with a profound Christian Faith. In 1233 he became Archbishop of Canterbury, a time in office which was one of constant disputes with King Henry III and the monks of Canterbury over Church law. In 1240 he left England, probably to journey to Rome in respect of further arguments with the Crown.

Near Pontigny in Burgundy he was taken ill, where he was buried and where his shrine is. The French honour him as Saint Edme. When he was given the Sacrament of Extreme Unction (The Last Anointing), he was brought Holy Communion. He startled those present by addressing the following words to the host before receiving his Lord:



*"It is you, Lord, in whom I have believed, whom I have loved, about whom I have preached and taught.*

*You are my witness that I have sought nothing on earth except you".*

He was declared a Saint six years after his death.

(Image of the statue of St Edmund of Abingdon at Saint Edmund's Hall, Oxford University)

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